

P.E.O.P.L.E.
EVANGELISM
EPHESIANS 6:19-20

INTRODUCTION:

1. George Barna, "Who is going to heaven?"
2. Billy Graham
3. E is for Evangelism
4. Ephesians 6:19-20

I. INTERCEDE

A. v.19, "Pray for me."

B. Paul had prayed for them, now he needs prayer.

C. Why?

1. Paul was a leader. Satan goes after the leader. I need your prayers.

D. Why does a soul winner need prayer?

1. He is on the front line.
2. He is vulnerable.

E. He did not ask them to pray for success.

F. He did not ask them to pray for deliverance.

G. He asked them to pray that God would use him as a witness.

II. INSPIRED

A. v.19, "that the message may be given me."

B. We are to share the gospel as God leads us.

1. When.
2. Where
3. How – creative, adaptive

C. Matthew 10:19-20, "But when they hand you over, don't worry about how or what you should speak. For you will be given what to say at that hour, because you are not speaking, but the Spirit of your Father is speaking through you."

III. INTENTIONAL

A. v.19, "When I open my mouth."

B. God expects us to say something.

C. We are to live it, but you don't spell people, PEOPLE.

D. Acts 8:35, Philip "opened his mouth." KJV

IV. INTELLIGENT

A. v.19, "the mystery of the gospel."

B. "mystery."

1. Something that was hidden but now revealed.
2. Does not mean we can't understand it or effectively communicate the message.
3. "It's a puzzle." "It's complicated." "It's only for the intelligent."

4. He says what the mystery is, “the gospel.” Christ died, was buried and rose again.
- C. His point is this, “We can talk about a lot of things, but we better be talking about the most important thing in all the world, the gospel of Jesus Christ.”
- D. You may not know the Scripture, the FAITH outline, but you can share your story.

V. INFLUENTIAL

- A. v.20, “For this I am an ambassador.”
- B. While in Rome, Paul had seen ambassadors come from all over the world. They had great power and influence.
- C. He reminds them that he is an ambassador for his King, Jesus.

D. Ambassador:

1. Represents someone else.
 2. His authority is based on the one he represents.
 3. He is commissioned and sent.
 4. He says what he is instructed to say.
 5. Apart from the one he represents, he has no power.
- E. We have been commissioned by the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - F. All the power and authority of Heaven resides within you if Jesus is your Lord and Savior.
 - G. That’s why our mission as Christ’s ambassador will succeed.

VI. INTREPID

A. v.20, "Pray that I might be bold enough in Him to speak as I should."

B. "Bold" – courageous, fearless, intrepid.

C. Satan puts thoughts of doubt, fear and apathy into our minds.

D. "I can't do it." That's right. You can't. That's why he said his boldness was "in Him."

E. Here's the point: You have a choice just like Paul had a choice.

F. Will I trust God or listen to Satan's lies.

G. Notice he was "an ambassador in chains."

H. Regardless of the circumstances, I can be a bold witness for Jesus Christ.

CONCLUSION: